

REMARKS

Upon entering the above amendments, claims 4 and 9 have been canceled, claims 1, 6, and 12, have been amended. Claims 1 -3, 5 -8, and 10-16 are pending in this application. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections and requests reconsideration based on the following remarks.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,370,525 (“Kaufman”) in view of U.S. Publication No. 2003/0130837 (“Batchilo”). Claims 4-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over Kaufman in view of Batchilo and U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0078091 (“Vu”). The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the intermediate document contains links, which when activated, cause the document to be opened and an information point in the document corresponding to the identified relevant segment to be displayed. Such limitations are based, in part, on original claim 4. Additionally, claims 6 and 12 have been similarly amended.

Previous claim 4 was rejected, in part, based on the allegation that Vu discloses hyperlinks from relevant documents pointing to a target document. It is respectfully submitted that this interpretation of Vu is inaccurate. Claims 1-5 of Vu describe an arrangement in which contextual data external to a document (i.e., context data that differs from the content of the document) is used in order to provide a summary of the features of the document. Claim 5 of Vu states that part of the contextual data that might be used are hyperlinks pointing to the target document. There is no suggestion that the summary created by claim 1 of Vu generates links to

the document, and in particular, to portions of the document as recited in current claim 1 as amended. Furthermore, there is no suggestion in Vu to create a summary that has links to information points within a plurality of different documents as recited in claim 6. Therefore, the skilled artisan would not have combined Kaufman with Batchilo and also with Vu to result in the subject matter of claim 1.

Accordingly, each of claims 1, 6, and 12 are allowable

CONCLUDING COMMENTS

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. No fee is believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 34874-275-UTIL / 2003P00712US.

Respectfully submitted,

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